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FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS CAN DETERMINE WHO IS THE TRULY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE INTERNAL NATIONALISTS HAVE ACCEPTED THIS. THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS HAVE ACCEPTED IT, AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE OAU SUMMIT WOULD NOT ONLY ENDORSE THE ANGLO/US PROPOSALS AS THE BEST FRAMEWORK FOR A SETTLEMENT, BACK UP OUR CALL FOR ROUND TABLE TALKS, BUT ALSO CALL IN A BROTHERLY SPIRIT UPON ALL NATIONALIST PARTIES TO ATTEND THOSE TALKS TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE A PERMANENT SOLUTION. AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, THE ALTERNATIVES ARE

BLEAK.

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--WE HAVE TOLD THE INTERNAL PARTIES QUITE FIRMLY THAT THEIR PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IS DEFECTIVE AND THAT IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO OFFER THE PATRIOTIC FRONT A PLACE IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. WE BELIEVE ALL PARTIES ARE CONSIDERING CAREFULLY THE ARGUMENTS WE HAVE PUT TO THEM IN FAVOR OF DIRECT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ALL THE PARTIES.

--IF THE OAU WERE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION WHICH CALLED EFFECTIVELY FOR OSTRACISING THE INTERNAL NATIONALIST LEADERS, THIS COULD HAVE UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR PRESENT INITIATIVE. FORCE THE INTERNAL NATIONALISTS INTO A SEIGE MENTALITY, AND TURN THE CONFLICT INTO A LONG AND BITTER CIVIL WAR. WE HOPE THAT THE OAU, WHILE MAKING CLEAR ITS POSITION ON THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT, ALSO WOULD MAKE CLEAR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF A FREE CHOICE BY THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE OF WHO THEIR LEADERS

SHOULD BE. WHATEVER THE SUPPORT WHICH OAU GIVES TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE ITS VITAL THAT THE OAU SHOULD NOT BE SEEN TO PREEMOT THE DECISION THAT ONLY THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE CAN MAKE.

7. YOUR US COLLEAGUE HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO JOIN YOU, AS LAST TIME. GRATEFUL FOR REPORTS, REPEATED TO KHARTOUM.
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8. ADDIS ABABA SHOULD LOBBY THE SECRETARIAT (IF THERE IS ANYONE OF IMPORTANCE THERE) BUT NOT THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. END DRAFT TEXT. VANCE
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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